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## MEI Welcomes Brouwer-Maier to Board of Directors

*Madison, Wisconsin*—The <u>nonprofit Medical Education Institute (MEI)</u> is delighted to welcome **Deborah Brouwer-Maier RN, CNN** to its Board of Directors. Ms. Brouwer-Maier, a nephrology nurse with more than 35 years of experience in acute and chronic hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis, is currently the Vascular Access Marketing Manager for <u>Transonic</u>.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the <u>MEI Board of Directors</u>, and to help advance the MEI mission of improving outcomes for people with chronic disease," said Ms. Brouwer-Maier. "I have personally utilized MEI tools including the "<u>Help I Need Dialysis</u>" book with a family member faced with the need to select a dialysis modality. The tools are outstanding! The suite of tools helps the individual and their family/friends to reduce their fears and feel hopeful as they transition into a more advanced stage of Chronic Kidney Disease."

Ms. Brouwer-Maier's accomplishments include receiving the American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) Nephrology Nurse Educator Award in 2007 and the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Serving the Alleghenies Gift of Life Small Hands, Big Heart Award in 2010. She is an active member of ANNA, NKF, the American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology (ASDIN), and previously served as secretary for the Vascular Access Society of the Americas (VASA). Ms. Brouwer-Maier has authored multiple publications on vascular access and is a frequent speaker at professional symposiums.

**About MEI:** Founded in 1993, MEI is a national 501(c)(3) public charity dedicated to helping people with chronic disease learn to manage and improve their health. MEI fulfills its mission by conducting research, developing evidence-based education for consumers and health professionals, and advocating for patient-centered policies. MEI is funded through licensing of the KDQOL-Complete service, sales of the 6th edition *Core Curriculum for the Dialysis Technician* book and slides, sponsorships for our <u>Life Options</u>, <u>Kidney School</u>, and <u>Home Dialysis Central</u> websites, fee-for-service contracts, and donations. Contact us at (608) 833-8033 or make a tax-deductible contribution at <u>www.mei.org</u>.